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The Lafayette Square Conservancy is pleased to announce it is the grant recipient from Keep Louisiana Beautiful to purchase and install ten (10) attractive and closed "rodent proof" trash containers for placement around the park.

This grant, in the amount of \$6,129.60, will support LSC's ongoing efforts to maintain and beautify Lafayette Square for the benefit of Downtown users. The LSC will initially deploy 4 cans on the interior of the park around the statue of Henry Clay, while the remaining cans will be placed around the perimeter of the park this fall. "The park regularly hosts Downtown events and is a great asset for area workers, residents and visitors. We believe this is a major step to keep the park cleaner and discourage rodents from entering the open cans currently in the park," said LSC President, Lee Vail. The

rodent proof trash cans are an important addition to ensure Lafayette Square remains a crown jewel for Downtown.

Also in July the City of New Orleans Parks and Parkways Department installed new grass on the Camp Street side of the park. Director Ann E. Macdonald and her skilled staff, in partnership with the LSC, have worked over the years to maintain the turf in the park which hosts many concerts throughout the year. "The grass is a new cultivar which Parks and Parkways believes may stand up better to heavy foot traffic and thereby maintain the Square's green space," said Ms. Macdonald.

About Lafayette Square Conservancy

Lafayette Square, the second oldest park in New Orleans, was founded in 1788. The park, located in the heart of Downtown New Orleans, is a beautiful urban green space used by area residents, workers and visitors. The Lafayette Square Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors dedicated to the preservation and ongoing improvements of the park in partnership with the City of New Orleans Department of Parks and Parkways. The Conservancy was formed by a group of neighborhood residents, downtown workers and concerned citizens in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which left the park severely damaged. Today, the LSC helps support regular park cleanups, landscape plantings, sod restoration, and other capital improvements. For more information visit us at lafayette-square.org and facebook.com/LafayetteSquareConservancy

About Keep Louisiana Beautiful

Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. is the state's premier anti-litter and community improvement organization focused on education, enforcement, awareness and cleanups. Affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Keep Louisiana Beautiful's mission is to promote personal, corporate and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. With a network of 39 affiliates in communities throughout the state, over 23,000 volunteers work toward a clean and beautiful Louisiana.

The DDD was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1974 as the nation's first assessment-based business improvement district (BID) to provide enhanced services in economic development, cleaning and safety.

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